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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: *Norihiro Kimoto et al.*

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For: *Carbonyl Reductases, Polynucleotides
Comprising DNA Encoding The Same, Methods For
Producing The Same, And Methods For Producing
Optically Active Alcohol Utilizing The Same*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

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REMARKS

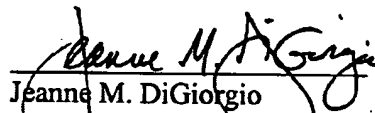
Prior to examination of this application, Applicants amend claims 10, 12 and 13 to provide proper dependency. The foregoing amendment is not related to issues of patentability, and introduces no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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